SEC. 12. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners may cause an assessment to be made of all real and personal property within the limits of said corporation by a party to be appointed by them, which assessment shall not exceed the present assessment for county purposes, except when improvements made thereon increase its value to such an extent as to entitle such property to assessment; and the commissioners may levy a tax not exceeding thirty cents in the one hundred dollars worth of assessable property, which said taxes shall be collected by the said treasurer, who shall have power to distrain for the same as the collector of county taxes has to distrain for county taxes, and the commissioners shall fix the compensation of said treasurer.

Make assessment.

SEC. 13. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall have power, annually, to appoint a bailiff, who shall give bond to said commissioners for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such penalties as the commissioners shall require; whose duty it shall be to preserve the peace and good order of said town, and for this purpose he is hereby vested with the same power and authority as a constable, and shall have the same fees as constables receive for similar services.

Appoint bai-

SEC. 14. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, and all other officers of the corporation, shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take an oath before a justice of the peace, that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgment and ability, discharge the duties of the office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Take oath.

SEC. 15. And be it enacted, That the commissioners may pass such ordinances, not contrary to law, as they may deem beneficial to the town; may open and close, straighten, widen and improve streets, grade and pave the same, make causeways, establish the width and grade of sidewalks, curb, pave and set out shade trees therein.

Pass ordinances.

SEC. 16. And be it enacted, That on the same day on which the commissioners are to be elected under this act, and on the third Monday of each